

**Minutes of a meeting of the  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
held on  
Monday, 3rd August 2009 in the Committee Room  
Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford**

**Councillors Present:** Chairman R Mitchell, Mrs E Chippette, J Dickson, Mrs M Dorrell, Mrs H Glynn, K Holmes, V Leach, D Weir and Mrs M Weir.

**Also Present:** Cllrs Mrs J Barney, Mrs C Cunningham, Mrs J Fern, A James, and R Patient.

- 1. To receive apologies for non-attendance at meeting:**  
Mrs T Bateman (work). Members noted and accepted the apology tendered.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and to approve the destruction of the manuscript notes in respect of that meeting:**  
Members accepted the Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 as a true record and agreed to the destruction of the manuscript notes.
- 4. Consider request from GP to purchase Christmas Lights.**  
The Clerk had prepared a paper summarising the decisions of GP and he advised that Finance was being asked to approve the use of £4.2K from the Cost Centre 209 Account Code 4921 for the purchase of Christmas lights. The Clerk advised that the money had been originally set aside for the Youth Project. The Chairman of Council asked that, if necessary, was there sufficient money in reserves to ensure any youth project work would continue in spite of this expenditure. The Clerk advised that subject to the Councils Reserves Policy money would be available for approval by Council.  
Cllr Mrs Glynn observed that the reason for the extra-ordinary meetings was the need to get the decision taken and lights ordered before the Clerk left on leave in September. Cllr Mrs weir proposed ‘**That the request by general Purposes to spend £4,191 on additional Christmas lights be approved**’ Cllr Mrs Dorrell seconded the motion and members voted unanimously in favour of the motion.

Chairman